

Appl. No. 09/992,126  
Amdt. Dated February 6, 2004  
Reply to Office action of October 6, 2003

**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Appl. No. :** 09/992,126  
**Applicant :** William H. Rogers  
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**AMENDMENT "A"**

Sir:

The three month response period for responding to the outstanding Office action of October 6, 2003 expired on January 6, 2004. Applicant hereby petitions and request a one (1) month extension of time to extend the response period from January 6, 2004 through February 6, 2004. By this amendment, thirty-one (31) total claims are now pending in this application. A check in the amount of \$455 is enclosed to cover the following fees for a small entity: \$99.00 for eleven total claims in excess of twenty ; \$301 for the seven new independent claims not previously paid for; and \$55 for the one month extension of time fee.

In response to the Office action of October 6, 2003, paper no. 4, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 24 of this paper.

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